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(A) ROLE OF UNDP IN UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM - UN RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE UNDP ACTIVELY SERVES AS CHAIRMAN AND COORDINATOR UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES LIBYA. THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE FAO, ICAO, ILO, UNIDO. RESREP IS IN FREQUENT AND CORDIAL CONTACT WITH LOCALLY BASED AGENCY CHIEFS AND IS WELL AWARE THEIR PROGRESS IN RESPECTIVE ACTIVITIES. RESREP RELATIONSHIPS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT ARE AS GOOD AS CAN BE EXPECTED AT WORKING LEVEL BUT QUITE LIMITED AT TOP INNER CIRCLE OF GOVT. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN RESREP
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PROPOSED HIS COST-SHARING "KUWAIT FORMULA" (OUTLINED BELOW IN

PARA C), ALL MINISTERS WITH WHOM HE SPOKE WELCOMED IDEA BUT PROPOSAL WAS TURNED DOWN AT PRIME MINISTER LEVEL. RESREP OPERATES SMOOTHLY AND IS IN FREQUENT COMMUNICATION WITH HEADQUARTERS VARIOUS UN AGENCIES. NEITHER IBRD NOR UNICEF HAVE ACTIVE PROGRAMS IN LIBYA.

(B) COORDINATION OF ALL EXTERNAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - EXTERNAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENTS, DOES NOT EXIST IN LIBYA, EXCEPT FOR UN ACTIVITIES.

(C) COUNTRY PROGRAM REVIEWS - BELIEVE BEST ANSWER THIS QUERY STATEMENT BY RESREP: "WHEN RESREP TRANSFERRED HERE FROM KUWAIT SEPT 1972, COUNTRY PROGRAM OVER-COMMITTED BY \$200,000. RESREP FORMED REVIEW COMMITTEE OF HIMSELF AND REPS FROM MFA DEPARTMENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, DEPT TECHNICAL COOPERATION OF MINISTRY OF PLANNING, AND FROM UNDER-SECRETARIES OTHER CONCERNED MINISTRIES TO REVIEW PROJECTS AND BRING COUNTRY PROGRAM INTO BALANCE WITH INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURE OF \$5 MILLION. COUNTRY PROGRAM CONSISTED MAINLY ONGOING PROJECTS, ALL OTHERS LEFT PENDING FINANCIAL PROVISIONS. RESREP PROPOSED COST-SHARING WHICH HE HAD APPLIED IN KUWAIT TWO YEARS BEFORE. ALL CONCERNED MINISTERS SUPPORTED KUWAIT FORMULA AND ADDITIONAL PROJECTS, SUGGESTED FOR INCLUSION COUNTRY PROGRAM, AMOUNTED TO APPROXIMATELY \$5 MILLION. HOWEVER, PRIME MINISTER TURNED DOWN IDEA WITHOUT EXPLANATION AND STATED COUNTRY PROGRAM BE LIMITED TO INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURE."

(D) APPRAISAL OF PROPOSED PROJECTS - SINCE RECEIPT A-1149 EMBOFFS HAVE MET REPEATEDLY WITH RESREP AND HAVE ADDITIONALLY HAD MEETINGS WITH ILO AND UNIDO AGENCY HEADS RESIDENT HERE. GIVEN BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS AND DEFINITION OF DUTIES BY HOST GOVT, WE BELIEVE UNDP PROGRAMS MAKING SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LIBYAN DEVELOPMENT IN THREE CRITICAL AREAS: AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND MANPOWER UTILIZATION AND TRAINING.

(E) PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION - WE BELIEVE PROJECTS UNDERWAY ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE WITHIN LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED IN (D) AND LIBYAN MANPOWER LIMITATIONS. ILO HAS 18 TRAINING CENTERS IN LIBYA WITH 1,400 INDUSTRIAL TRAINEES AT PRESENT AND PLANS FOR EXPANSION TO UNCLASSIFIED

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6,000 BY 1975. UNIDO GROUP HAS FORMED NUCLEUS FOR LIBYA'S INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH CENTER AND IS ADVISING ON INDUSTRIALIZATION WITH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE ARE WEAK PROJECTS. HOST GOVERNMENT HAS ATTEMPTED FILL ALL REQUESTS FOR LIBYAN PERSONNEL BUT IS NOT ALWAYS ABLE DO SO BECAUSE OF SKILLED PERSONNEL AND SECRETARIAL SHORTAGES.

(F) PROJECT EVALUATION - RESREP STATES HE INTRODUCED TRIPARTITE

REVIEW DURING 1973 AND FOUND IT ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BY CONCERNED MINISTRIES AND WORKING LEVEL TECHNICIANS. IT HAS ENABLED UNDP GROUP TO STUDY AND ANALYZE PROJECTS' DIRECTION AND GIVE CORRECTIONS WHEN NEEDED. RESREP'S ANNUAL REPORT IS GENERAL BUT SUBSTANTIVE. RESREP FEELS TOP INNER CIRCLE OF GOVT IS WITHOUT HIS REACH.

(G) FOLLOW-UP WITH UNDP AND EXECUTING AGENCIES - RESREP STATES EXECUTING AGENCIES SOMETIMES SLOW IN PROVIDING SKILLED PERSONNEL BUT HE UNDERSTANDS THERE ARE VALID REASONS FOR THESE DELAYS.

COMMENT: AT RESREP'S URGING LARG THIS YEAR INCREASED ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNDP BY \$25,000, MAKING TOTAL CONTRIBUTION OF ONLY \$350,000 WHILE RECEIVING PROGRAM WORTH SEVERAL TIMES THIS AMOUNT.
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